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Work scheduled to start in late March

## Corps of Engineers awards \$3.6 million contract for Broad Meadows Salt Marsh Restoration in Quincy

**CONCORD, Mass.** – The Broad Meadows Salt Marsh Restoration project in Quincy, Mass., will begin under the terms of a \$3,660,500 contract issued recently by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District. The contract also includes \$1.0 million in contract options.

The salt marsh restoration, which will be accomplished by RC&D, Inc. of Providence, RI, is scheduled to begin in late March 2010 and take approximately 2-3 years to complete.

The project involves the removal of approximately 420,000 cubic yards of historic fill resulting from disposal of dredged material within a diked area. The dredged material will be excavated to replicate the marsh's historic tidal creeks and surface elevations and restore tidal flushing.

The project will restore approximately 65 acres of salt marsh, wetlands and coastal grasslands. The city of Quincy is the nonfederal sponsor for this project.

Construction activities will involve excavation of approximately 6 to 10 feet of former hydraulically dredged material, from the southern portion of the former dredged material disposal site to achieve a sustainable salt marsh elevation. Two main tidal channels will be constructed through the marsh to provide tidal flushing to sustain a salt marsh ecosystem and provide about six acres of aquatic intertidal habitat. The restored salt marsh will replace the low value common reed (*Phragmites australis*) marsh that occupies the site, restoring estuarine fish and wildlife communities.

All work will be accomplished under the supervision of a Corps of Engineers Quality Management Engineer/Representative to assure compliance with contract requirements.

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